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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHOSUKE ENDOH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MACARTHUR, S.
SERIAL NO: 10/751,898 :
FILED: JANUARY 7, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792
FOR: PLASMA PROCESSING :
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ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement ("Requirement") dated December 12, 2008, Applicants first note with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted by Examiner Macarthur on January 12, 2009. During the interview, it was noted that certain pending claims correspond to a species not identified in the Requirement, and this species correlates to Fig. 2.¹

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated December 12, 2008, Applicant elects the species corresponding to Fig. 2, and Applicants list Claims 1-11, 14-19, 22-25, 28, and 30 as readable thereon.

¹ This response, in combination with the interview summary Examiner Macarthur agreed to send, summarizes the substance of the interview in accordance with MPEP § 713.04.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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